

## PROMISE DROP IN COAL PRICE

U. S. Defers Action Against  
Operators in West  
Virginia.

(Special to Washington Herald.)

Martinsburg, W. Va., Sept. 19.—Action in regard to proceedings against several hundred alleged coal profiteers, subpoenaed from various sections of the northern district of West Virginia to appear next Tuesday before the federal grand jury at Martinsburg, has been deferred one week, according to announcement made by the United States district attorney's office.

Several days ago a number of operators called upon officials of the Department of Justice at Washington and U. S. District Attorney Stuart W. Walker, and said they were desirous of reducing the prices of bituminous coal by their own action, asking to be relieved of the necessity of appearing at this time before the grand jury.

Department of Justice officials agreed that proceedings should be postponed during the coming week in order to give the operators an opportunity to form their plan. It is also understood here that the coal operators during the past week contemplated filing a bill in Washington asking for an injunction against the proposed proceedings.

## Prince Georges County

Hyattsville, Md., Sept. 19.—The annual Hyattsville home and garden exhibition conducted by the Hyattsville Horticultural Society is to be held October 1, from 8 to 10 p. m., and October 2, from 8 to 10 p. m. Prizes of \$1 and \$5 cents will be awarded for the best variety of farm and home products displayed by any Prince Georges County organization.

**Athlete Enters College.**  
John C. Holden, son of former Mayor and Mrs. John C. Holden, leaves tomorrow to enter the Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania. He formerly was a star athlete at Central High School, Washington.

**Gridironers to Organize.**  
A meeting to organize the Hyattsville football season is to be held tomorrow night in the National Guard armory here. Frank (Pete) Galt, former Maryland State star athlete, will coach the local eleven.

## ONE CENT REPLY CARD SUPPLY IS EXHAUSTED

Because of difficulty in obtaining necessary materials, officials of the Postoffice Department yesterday announced it may be some weeks before the government can furnish a new supply of one cent reply post cards.

Pending the receipt of the post masters have been authorized to issue two-cent reply cards which were issued to them when two-cent cards were in short supply. They were authorized to sell these cards at the rate of four cents for each double card, and receive from each an application for a refund of two cents on each double card.

The application for refund, it was announced must be made in writing at the time of the purchase of the two-cent cards.

## REV. J. N. PIERCE IN NEW PULPIT

Begins Pastorate at First  
Congregational Church,  
With Two Sermons.

The Rev. Jason N. Pierce, of Dorchester, Mass., began his pastorate yesterday at the First Congregational Church, Tenth and G streets northwest, preaching at both morning and evening services to audiences that filled the auditorium.

The theme of the morning address was "An Apostle Yesterday and Today," and in the evening on "Who Is God?"

The Rev. Pierce has been one of the popular members of the staff of preachers at Mt. Holyoke and Amherst colleges. He comes to Washington from the Second Congregational Church of Dorchester. He has held pastorates in Brooklyn and other large centers before being ordained to the Presbyterian ministry in 1908. He holds degrees from Amherst and Yale.

**DANCER SEEKS \$50,000  
FOR LOSS OF HER TOES**

Carolyn Brown, of Toledo, wants \$50,000 because she can't dance. She lost her toes, so she says, in a street car accident and is suing the company at Toledo.

## Catholics From All World Coming Here for Laying Corner Stone of National Shrine on Thursday

Stone to Be Put in Place by  
Cardinal Gibbons—Rep-  
resentatives Coming from  
Far Off China and India  
To Attend Ceremonies at  
Catholic University.

More than 20,000 Catholic clergy and laity are expected to gather at the Catholic University Thursday to witness the laying of the corner stone of the national shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Elaborate ceremonies will mark the laying of the stone, which promises to be the ecclesiastical event of the year in the United States.

In the presence of the American hierarchy, including seventy bishops, the stone will be put in its place by his Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore. Representatives from all shrines are expected, including China and India. Government officials, both civil and military and naval, have been invited.

**To Have 5,000 Capacity.**  
The shrine, which is planned both as a religious edifice and as a memorial to the American dead in the world war, when completed will have a capacity of 5,000. It will be one of the most notable church edifices in the North American continent.

The exercises will open at 3 o'clock with an address by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic University. Following the dedicatory ceremony by cardinal, the Rt. Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P. D. of Duluth, Minn., will preach the sermon. The program will end with the singing of a recessional hymn.

**Solemn High Mass Next Day.**  
The dedication will be followed, next day, by the observation of the feast of Our Lady of Mercy when solemn high mass will be celebrated for American soldiers and sailors, both dead and living. The celebrant of the mass will be the Rt. Rev. Mer. Edward A. Pace, D. D., The Very Rev. George A. Doherty, D. D., will act as master of ceremonies.

The corner stone arrived at the Catholic University from Baltimore yesterday afternoon, brought by motor truck from Bridgeport, Conn., by the donor, James J. Sexton, of that city. It was received at the cathedral in Baltimore by Cardinal Gibbons and other clergy.

**Narrowly Missed Blast.**  
By the sheerest chance the stone escaped destruction in the Wall Street bomb explosion Wednesday, according to word received here yesterday. The original plan was to have Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes, of New York, receive the stone in Wall Street near the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co. on Wednesday, the day of the bomb outrage. Through the inability of the Archbishop to be present at that time the reception of the stone was postponed until Saturday when it was received by the prelate and other clergy at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Fifth Avenue.

The stone measures four feet square and bears a forty-word inscription in Latin in which the name of President Wilson is mentioned.

**To Entertain Visitors.**  
Members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumni have organized committees to provide for the accommodation and entertainment of Catholics who are coming to Washington for the ceremony Wednesday. Edward J. Darr, chairman of the advisory committee in charge of arrangements, Mrs. Charles W. Semmes is head of the automobile committee, and Mrs. Raymond A. Hewitt is in charge of the committee on booths. The chairman of the hospitality, reception, and publicity committees are Mrs. Florence Colford, Miss Regina Sullivan, and Miss Elizabeth Darr, respectively. Miss A. M. Hopp is one of the members of the publicity committee.

An invitation has been sent to President and Mrs. Wilson to attend the ceremonies, and it is expected that Mrs. Wilson will attend, although it is not yet known whether the President will be present.

**60,000 D. C. KIDDIES  
TRUDGE WEARY WAY  
TO SCHOOL TODAY**

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Instituted where congestion is threatened.

**Franklin Scene of Activity.**  
For the last week the Franklin School, headquarters for the school administration of the District, has been a hive of activity. Teachers' ideas for improvement in the system have been considered by officials. Innumerable questions have been answered both at the information bureau in the school and in the offices of the officials.

Conferences and the compilation of reports, estimates and other routine matters have dispelled the vacation atmosphere completely. Superintendent of Schools Ballou and Stephen E. Kramer, assistant superintendent.

Throughout the city school buildings, janitors have been busy the last few weeks preparing the schools for fall and winter occupancy, scouring, polishing and dusting.

**School Atmosphere Apparent.**  
Newly purchased supplies fill the warehouses of the Board of Education and the smell of newly printed text-books pervades the atmosphere. Heating systems have been completely overhauled and repaired where necessary to insure comfort during the overcast months.

It is expected the two-shift system will accommodate the expected increased enrollment for the high schools. Adoption of the two-shift system will mean shorter periods of instruction and earlier opening and later closing hours.

Eastern High, which will be operated entirely on the two-shift system, will have two sessions: one for upper classes from 8:30 a. m. to 12:40 p. m., and one for freshmen from 1 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. At Business High, freshmen students only will have the part-time schedule. This system has been tried out in other cities and has been found of great assistance to students who desire to work their way through high school by holding an outside position.

## Catholics From All World Coming Here for Laying Corner Stone of National Shrine on Thursday



Reproduction of the plan of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the corner stone of which will be laid Thursday afternoon with elaborate ceremony. The edifice is to be erected at the Catholic University and will be a memorial to the American dead in the world war as well as for religious exercises.

## Taft Urges Second Suffrage Proclamation to Forestall Trouble in Naming President

A delegation of Tennessee, headed by Speaker Seth Walker, of the house, will call on Secretary of State Coby today and urge that he withdraw his proclamation announcing final ratification of the suffrage amendment. Other members of the delegation, which arrived here last night, are Representatives Sharpe and Bratton, of the Tennessee house.

By WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.  
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The thirty-six members of the Tennessee House of Representatives who fled the State to avoid their sworn duty as legislators returned some days later, after the vote of both houses had been certified to the Secretary of State by the governor and the adoption of the Nineteenth amendment had been proclaimed. They made a quorum in the house by their presence, and finding that they and their associates had invalidated the original vote of seven votes and a majority, in the absence of four or five suffrage supporters, they tried to undo what had been done.

**Killed First Vote.**  
They expunged from the record the vote by which the motion to reconsider the suffrage vote had been voted down on the ground that there had been no quorum present when the vote was taken. They then proceeded to reconsider the original vote in favor of the suffrage resolution and to vote the resolution down.

The generally accepted view has been that this proceeding is futile, does not invalidate the original vote and does not affect the adoption of the amendment as proclaimed. The precedent relied on is that furnished by the ratification of the Fifteenth amendment. One New York legislator approved the amendment. Its successor voted it down. Thereafter the amendment was proclaimed as adopted by reason of the first vote. The accepted holding being that when a State legislature has once approved an amendment it cannot withdraw its ratification. It is questionable, however, whether such a precedent applies to a vote in favor of a resolution, when under the rules of the legislative body the resolution is retained by a motion to reconsider, as it was here.

Certainly had the motion to reconsider been called up the next day with a quorum present the vote might have been reconsidered and voted down and the passage of the resolution have been defeated.

**Could Cause Election Troubles.**  
Do the facts that in violation of the house rules the passage of the resolution by the house has been certified to the senate, its passage by both houses had been certified to the governor and by his certification to the Federal Secretary of State and that the latter on the strength of this certificate, had proclaimed the adoption of the amendment, take away from the Tennessee house with a quorum power to reconsider the original vote on the resolution and defeat it?

As already intimated in these columns a court will be indisputable to find presumptions from the record which will nullify the subsequent action of the lower Tennessee house and sustain the conclusive nature of the certification. The question is not so entirely free from doubt that the utmost pains should not be taken to remove it, even though the later action in Connecticut makes the question merely academic. It would be a great disaster if a question were seriously raised as to the validity of the national election of a President by reason of a subsequent judicial decision that the suffrage amendment had not passed.

**Urges Second Proclamation.**  
Refuting Tennessee's action, Gov. Holcomb, of Connecticut, would not call the legislature of Connecticut to vote on the ratification of the suffrage amendment because he did not think there existed such an emergency as the State constitution required to enable him to summon an extra session. The possibility of a disrupted national election, however, has been entirely removed by Connecticut's prompt ratification. We may hope that Gov. Clemen of Vermont may now be induced to take a similar view of his duty after what has happened. Now that Connecticut has wisely ratified, the Secretary of State, without conceding irregularity or defeat in his first proclamation, could properly, because of the protest already made, issue a second proclamation reciting the additional ratifications and confirming his previous action.

## WORK ON PLAN FOR WILSON AID

President Will Confer With  
Senator Pat Harrison on  
Details in Few Days.

(By Universal Service.)

Senator "Pat" Harrison, of Mississippi, chairman of the Democratic speakers' bureau, has been assigned to work out a plan for participation by President Wilson in the Democratic campaign. It was learned yesterday. He is expected to see the President within a day or so.

Following the \$500 campaign contribution from the President, announced Saturday, this is taken to mean that Gov. Cox has finally agreed upon the manner in which aid from Mr. Wilson will prove acceptable. It had been understood for a number of weeks that the governor did not believe the President's active co-operation desirable in the new development political observers profess to see the first step toward reorganization of the campaign with less regard for the numerous views—a situation unprecedented in American politics. They argue that the change cannot possibly be for worse.

## Grandstand Razed at Fair Grounds; Fire Alarm is Late

Danville, Sept. 19.—Inquiry will be made tomorrow into the service rendered by the public by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company early today when fire destroyed the grandstand at the Danville fair grounds and part of the bleachers. Inability of those wishing to telephone an alarm to raise central was so pronounced that a man who saw the blaze first says it was 45 minutes before the operator answered the signal. Others, it is alleged, had the same trouble. The alarm finally was given by a man who dressed and motored to the fire station. By the time the motor equipment made the mile run the grandstand fire was dying out.

## HARDING AFTER BORDER STATES

Plans Tour Into Maryland,  
West Virginia and  
Kentucky.

HOPEFUL ABOUT SOUTH

Wade H. Ellis Thinks G. O.  
P. May Carry Five Below  
Mason-Dixon Line.

(By Universal Service.)

Marion, O., Sept. 19.—Senator Harding will enter this week into his effort to clinch the border States. It will continue through his speaking tour next week, that will carry him into Maryland, West Virginia and Kentucky.

Kentucky and Tennessee will send their quotas to the front porch Tuesday, and a little over a week from that day Senator Harding will speak in the Blue Grass State. Tennessee is to send its delegation here on the same day the Kentucky Republicans arrive.

**To Speak in Wheeling.**

West Virginia, a normal Republican State where there have been severe factional differences, is to send a delegation next Friday, and on Tuesday of the following week the candidate will speak in Wheeling. He will later, it is understood, carry his denunciation of the Versailles league into the home States of Senators Reed and Gore, where Republicans feel there is much anti-league sentiment.

On Saturday the Harding and Coolidge Traveling Men's League, 3,000 strong, will visit the front porch. The same date is held by the American Defense Society.

**Seen Break in "Solid South."**

There is some prediction by party leaders that the solid South will be broken in November. Wade H. Ellis, former Assistant to the Attorney General and connected with the Southern bureau of the Republican National Committee, was at Harding headquarters last week. He expects a plurality for Harding and Coolidge of from 8,000,000 to 8,000,000.

"Harding will carry the border States of Maryland, Kentucky and Tennessee," he says. "I believe he will carry Tennessee also, while there is an excellent chance to carry Oklahoma."

## GIRL 9, HIT BY AUTO CROSSING STREET

Knocked down by an automobile while crossing at Fourteenth street and Columbia road northwest yesterday, Dorothy Shaffer, 9 years old, 1445 Oakwood terrace northwest, was slightly injured and taken to her home for treatment.

An automobile operated by Thomas Hennessey, 1346 Oak street northwest, collided with an automobile operated by J. D. Baltimore, of 1435 S street northwest, at Sixteenth and S streets northwest, yesterday. Both cars were damaged.

## \$3.50 "Philadelphia" \$3.25 "Chester" \$3.00 "Wilmington"

AND RETURN  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26  
SPECIAL TRAIN  
Leaves Washington (Union Station) 7:30 a. m.  
Returning, leaves Broad Street Station 7:25 p. m. West Philadelphia 7:35 p. m. Chester 7:55 p. m. Wilmington 8:10 p. m.  
Tickets on sale Friday preceding.  
Excursion  
Admission Excursions October 24, November 21 and December 19. The right is reserved to limit the sale of tickets to the capacity of equipment available.

**Pennsylvania  
System**

## "There Will Always Be More Coal Than Diamonds"

THROUGHOUT THE ANNALS OF TIME MANY flowers of wondrous fragrance have "wasted their sweetness on desert airs."

Through the ages men of wondrous talent have devoted their time and their toil to the accomplishment of great tasks and yet remained to all the world "unhonored and unsung."

Many a thoroughbred on the track of life runs second. The race may always be to the swift—it is not always to the most deserving!

**HENRY CLAY'S EVERY ACT WAS DEVOTED** toward the accomplishment of the one overpowering ambition of his life—the Presidency. Yet the name of Clay will live in the affectionate regard of the American people long after the names of many who were President are forgotten.

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## MANY DISTRICT FOLK IN PARIS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nor-  
ment at Deauville, Famous  
French Resort.

(Washington Herald-Cross Atlantic  
Service Special Cable Dispatch.)

Paris, Sept. 19.—Washington is well represented in Paris. Some of the visitors to the French capital are official, others on pleasure. Among Washingtonians here are the following:

James Brown Scott, permanent secretary of the League of Nations, has left the Crillon Hotel and is shortly leaving for the United States.

Dr. Livingston Farrand, chairman of the executive committee of the American Red Cross, has left Paris for Geneva to attend a conference of the International Red Cross Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Norment are at the Hotel Splendide, Deauville. Miss Virginia McKenney has arrived at the Crillon Hotel from Aix-les-Bains; Robert Bell, the Washington artist, is at the Crillon, and Lieut. R. L. Kernot, United States army, is at the Hotel St. James and Albany.

**Negro Shot in Stomach.**  
With a bullet wound in his stomach, Hope Bell, colored, 35 years old, is in a serious condition at the Emergency Hospital. Thomas Harley, also colored, surrendered to the police.

## B. Thrifty Says

"Most men expect to 'have something' someday—and most of them are disappointed. You can't just 'expect'—you've got to pedal."

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